

Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S13376**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute.

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Saturday, December 19, 2009.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David T. Matsuda, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration.

Gary Blumenthal, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2010.

Chester Alonzo Finn, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2012.

Sara A. Gelser, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2011.

Ari Ne'eman, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2012.

Dongwoo Joseph Pak, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2012.

Carol Jean Reynolds, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2010.

Fernando Torres-Gill, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2011.

Jonathan M. Young, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2012.

Gwendolyn E. Boyd, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring August 11, 2014.

Peggy Goldwater-Clay, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Gold-

water Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring June 5, 2012.

Marie Collins Johns, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration. **Page S13400**

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By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 380), Senate agreed to the motion to recess until 12:01 a.m. on December 18, 2009. **Page S13400**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—380) **Page S13400**

Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and recessed at 6:52 p.m., until 12:01 a.m. on Friday, December 18, 2009.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Douglas B. Wilson, of Arizona, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Shaheen, Malcolm Ross O'Neill, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Mary Sally Matiella, of Arizona, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller, Paul Luis Oostburg Sanz, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, who was introduced by Representative Skelton, and Jackalyne Pfannenstiel, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment, all of the Department of Defense, and Donald L. Cook, of Washington, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.